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Reply to Office Action of December 31, 2003

REMARKS

Further to the telephone discussion with the Examiner, this response is submitted to obtain an early allowance by cancelling all claims that were not yet indicated as allowable.

Only Allowed Claims Pending

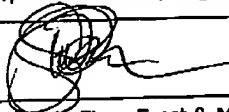
In this response, allowable claims 3 and 11 are now placed into independent form. In addition, claims 1, 2 and 9, 10 are now cancelled, without prejudice to be applied (i.e., such that these claims may be pursued in a continuation application). Accordingly, all rejections are now moot and the application is in condition for allowance, which action is now requested.¹

Concluding Remarks

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. In the event that any fees are now due, please charge such to our deposit account number 02-2135.

¹ This response is not intended to alter the allowed and allowable claims in any way. In the event that any typographical discrepancy appears from the originally allowed or allowable claims, it should be understood that the claims are to be interpreted to have the same meaning and interpretation as the original language.

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